

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Members are advised that following one minutes, the House will recess until approximately 1:00 p.m. At that time, the House will reconvene and consider the Rule for H.R. 444. Following debate on the Rule, the House will take votes.

**Members are also advised that today, the House is only expected to complete 30 minutes of general debate on H.R. 444. Tomorrow, the House will complete general debate and consider all amendments to H.R. 444.

H.Res. 48 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 444 – "Require a PLAN D Act" (Rep. Price (GA) – Budget) (One Hour of Debate). The Rules committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Budget. The Rule allows 5 amendments debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. It also allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions and waives all points of order against the legislation.

Despite repeated promises of openness by the Republican Majority, the Rules committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern to consider H.R. 444 under an open Rule. The Committee also rejected an amendment that would make in order the Democratic substitute authored by Rep. Van Hollen which would replace the automatic discretionary spending cuts under the sequester scheduled to take effect in March. It would increase taxes for individuals with incomes of more than \$1 million annually, eliminate agricultural direct payments and cut tax benefits for the oil and gas industry. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 444 – "Require a PLAN D Act" (Rep. Price (GA) – Budget) (One Hour of Debate). This bill requires the president, if his original FY 2014 Budget fails to show balance in any year covered by the budget, typically ten years, to submit a supplemental budget. This second budget submission, due by April 1, has the additional requirements of reporting the first year the budget would return to surplus and what new changes are being made.

Along with the normal outlay and revenue information required to be included in annual budgets, the supplemental budget must include an estimate of the earliest fiscal year in which no deficit would occur and a detailed description of the additional policies that would have to be implemented to achieve a balanced budget. It also must include an explanation of the differences between the president's original FY 2014 budget and the supplemental budget.

The Rule makes in order 5 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Rep. Takano Amendment. Makes changes to the findings section, clarifying that Congress holds responsibility for passing budgets and appropriating funds

Reps. Schrader/Wolf/Cooper/Gibson Amendment. Adds findings stating Simpson-Bowles created a balanced package of revenue and spending reforms which should form the basis for meeting the requirements of this Act

Rep. Fleming Amendment. Requires one of the additional policies presented in the supplemental budget to be an evaluation of duplicative agencies and proposals to consolidate them for cost savings

Rep. Messer Amendment. Requires the supplemental unified budget to include the cost, per taxpayer, of the annual deficit for each year in which such budget is projected to result in a deficit

Rep. Scalise Amendment. Mirrors the House-passed Rules package by requiring the President's budget proposal to include a category for Means-Tested Direct Spending and Non-means-Tested Direct Spending, including average growth for each category

Bill Text for H.R. 444:
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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, February 6: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 444 – "Require a PLAN D Act" (Rep. Price (GA) – Budget).

The Daily Quote

"The Republican mantra for decades has been: cut NPR, EPA and the National Endowment for the Arts. Now add the Pentagon to the list. In the modern history of the Republican Party, it would have been unthinkable. The GOP is built on two core tenets — small government and big defense spending — and for decades, the two ideas co-existed peacefully. Republicans wanted to cut the federal budget — everywhere except the Pentagon. No more... Among House GOP lawmakers known as Pentagon stalwarts, several said they were alarmed by floor vote defections and the rhetoric from fellow Republicans. They recognize they're the ones playing defense now on the military budget. 'There are people that think we need to cut more,' House Armed Services Committee Chairman Buck McKeon (R-Calif.) acknowledged in an interview. McKeon said he's been pushing back against budget hawks in the GOP conference by pointing to the nearly \$600 billion in spending cuts that the Pentagon has already absorbed in recent years — and that's before sequestration would even begin."

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